

# Title I and School Support Focus School eBrief

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#### Focus School Principals & Indistar Process Managers:

If either has changed at your school, please contact your DPI consultant for support.

## Innovations in Equity: Improving Our Practice Conference

Focus School principals and their leadership teams are encouraged to attend the Innovations in Equity Conference on September 25-26 in Stevens Point. This conference replaces the Focus and Priority School Conference we've held in the past and is a combined effort between Title I and Special Education. It's free to Focus School staff. You can use your Focus School

grant for your travel expenses and substitutes. For more information and to register, visit

https://dpi.wi.gov/i2e.

#### 2017-18 Requirements and Indistar 3.0

This year, each Focus School must have one active objective in the fall and update their progress of that objective in the spring. We encourage schools to carefully select the objective on which to focus their efforts. In addition to the short webinar that pops up when you first login to Indistar, we created user-friendly directions: 2017 Indistar Walkthrough. Remember the first Indistar check point is October 1, 2017. DPI Focus School consultants will be available to assist you with Indistar during the above conference.

#### **Focus School Grant**

Funds from the \$14,000 grant can be used for Indistar support, professional development, and student-related purchases such as academic support and resources. The grant will be uploaded to WISEgrants after your school meets the first Indistar check on October 1.

#### Leadership & Coaching Systems Change

We highly recommend this six-day series offered by the Wisconsin RtI Center in five cities across Wisconsin. Locations and start dates are listed in the right column under Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities. For more information, refer to the <a href="Coaching Flyer">Coaching Flyer</a>.

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing all Title I Focus Schools with consistent and timely information, the Title I and School Support Team will be providing regular eBriefs to Principals, Indistar Process Managers, and Title I coordinators. We welcome suggestions about topics you would like addressed in future editions.

### **Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities**

Innovations in Equity: Improving Our Practice Conference in Stevens Point, September 25-26, 2017.

See first article in this newsletter.

The Wisconsin Mathematics Council is hosting the Mathematical Proficiency for Every Student conference at the Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells,

October 18-19, 2017.

Visit MPES Conference for details.

Wisconsin State Reading Association Convention, February 8-10, 2018. Visit <u>WSRA</u> <u>Convention</u> for details.

Wisconsin Math Council's Annual Conference in Green Lake, May 2-4, 2018.

Wisconsin Title I Association Conference in Wisconsin Dells, April 5-6, 2018. Visit <u>WI</u> <u>Title I Association</u> for details.

<u>Wisconsin RtI Center</u> has many wonderful professional development events. If there are instructional coaches in your school, we especially encourage the principal and coaches attend the Leadership and Coaching series together.

Leadership & Coaching Systems Change Series: Monthly, September-April, (excluding December and March).

**Start Dates:** 

Kimberly: September 18, 2017 Minocqua: September 19, 2017 Wisconsin Dells: September 25, 2017 Milwaukee: September 26, 2017 Whitewater: September 27, 2017 For more information: Coaching Flyer